THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LYNCHBURG DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION met last Friday. At the meeting officers were elected, awards presented and an educational program was presented by Dr. Jerry Jones, Virginia Tech Extension dairyman.

Officers for 1979 are Duane Yoder, President; Dennis Torrence, Vice-President; Alex Winston, Secretary; Mrs. Judy Jones, Treasurer. Directors are R. M. Harris and Carter Elliott.

The following awards were presented: High Milk Production, Meadowlark Farm with an average of 163.5 cows and test 19,445 pounds. High Fat Production, Meadowlark Farm, 642 pounds. Most Improved herd- Meadowlark Farm. This herd moved from an average production of 16,809 pounds in 1977 to 19,445 pounds in 1978, an increase of 2,636 pounds.

High Individual Holstein Cow, Meadowlark Farm, with 305 day production 32,127 pounds; High Individual Ayershire Cow, Carter Elliott Farm, with 305 day production 15,782 pounds. High Individual Jersey cow, H. T. Patrick Farm with 305 day production 9,953 pounds.

The above awards were presented courtsey Roanoke City Mills by Al Hillsman.

Two awards were courtsey American Breeder Service and were presented by Doug Perrow.

Awards for most progess in reproductive breeding and award for Most Production Efficiency in Breeding were presented Dennis Torrence. The average days open were 94 days - best in the associaiton.

In the above picture Lester Whitesell, DHIA supervisor, congratulates Dennis on his achievement.

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Let's begin today with a wish for all Appomattox families to have a most Merry Christmas to be followed by a New Year that will truly bring "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

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The Virginia Division of Forestry has once again made loblolly pine seedlings available to 4-H members across the state. 4-H'ers may receive, without charge, 25 or 50 pine seedlings provided they have a suitable place to plant the trees and their parent's permission.

The purpose of the program is to provide young people with some basic knowledge and appreciation for the forest.

If 4-H'ers or parents have the need for larger numbers of trees (approximately 800 seedlings will plant one acre), they may contact the Virginia Division of Forestry or one of the major pulp and paper companies such as Westvaco.

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Older 4-H'ers are reminded that we're prepared to help them with their Achievement Records over the Christmas vacation. 4-H'ers are asked to let us know which days they would like help.

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The Christmas vacation is an excellent time for 4-H'ers to do some planning and preparation for 4-H Public Speaking which will take place in late January. Speeches for Junior 4-H'ers should range between 2½ - 5 minutes in length with senior speeches lasting 5 - 7 minutes. 4-H'ers may speak on any topic. For the past seven years, public speaking awards have been sponsored by Farmers National Bank.

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We continue to have difficul ty obtaining several 4-H projects that are so popular. Among these are: Clothing I, Photography I, and Dog Care. As these become available, we'll be letting you know.

The Gift of Tomorrow — Today!

"As visions of robots and rockets danced through their heads . . ." It's a slight variation on an old Christmas theme, but not really far-fetched. Not this year, anyway.

The science fiction craze has "hit" in a big way, and children nationwide are jumping on the space-wagon. What hula hoops were twenty years ago, science fiction is today — and tomorrow. And the end is nowhere to be seen.

Why has science fiction caught on? For one thing, children emulate their heroes, and astronauts and scientists are perennial folk heroes. Hollywood has made its contributions, as well, bringing back the old and creating new, bigger-than-life, science fiction movies.

This Christmas, put the thrill of science fiction and the excitement of remote control in one package under the tree. Tobor, the telesonic robot by Schaper Toys, is a battery-operated robot that operates by sound — or telesonic — control, with no connecting wires. It is able to move forward, to the right or left only when the child clicks his "Command Base" or makes other loud sounds such as hand-clapping or shouting.

The toy's spring-activated hands are claw-like so that children can maneuver it to pick up the accompanying "Support Module," adding the extra benefit of a challenge to maintain the child's interest. He can even compete with other children to see who takes the least amount of time to pick up the module.

Tobor, designed for children 5 and up, gives youngsters a chance to be in the "commander's" seat. He can take them to new, unexplored worlds, limited only by a child's imagination. On "earth," he can easily be maneuvered around the family den or playroom. †

"The difference in what you hear, is worth the distance that you drive."

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Appomattox, Va.

May your fondest wish come true this Christmas! Greetings from

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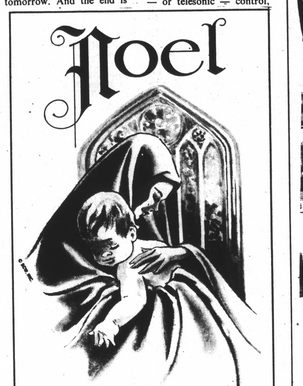

Peace to all men of good will as we celebrate the birth of the Infant King.

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and thanks, and wishing
you all the special joy
that only Christmas brings.

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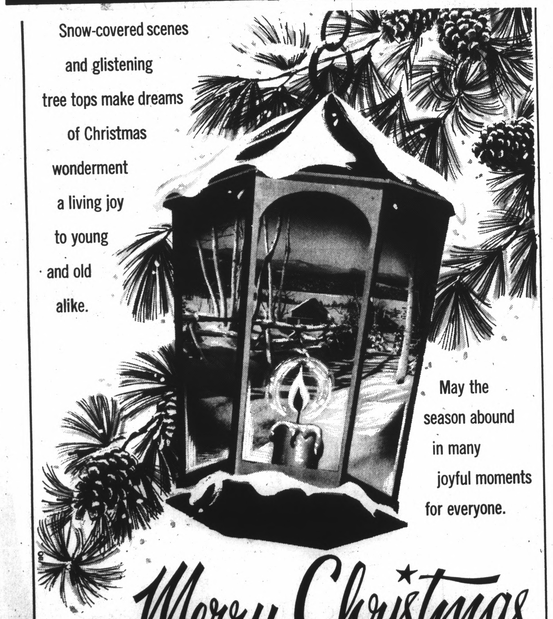
Snow-covered scenes and glistening tree tops make dreams of Christmas wonderment a living joy to young and old alike.



May the season abound in many joyful moments for everyone.

Merry Christmas

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As families come together in love and warmth, we wish you and yours a most joyous Christmastide... hoping every delight of the Holiday Season will be yours!

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American Federal Celebrates 4th Anniversary in Appomattox

Open House last week at American Federal Savings and Loan Association was highlighted Saturday, December 16th, by a visit from Santa Claus who talked with all the children present and gave each of them a gift.

Miss Appomattox, Kathy Johnson, assisted by Santa and Michael Weiss, Branch Manager, drew the winners' names for three 1979 Christmas Club Savings Accounts given away by American Federal. Miss Donna Miller of Appomattox was first place winner and received the $150.00 Christmas Club Savings Account; second place winner was Latreatha Goode, also of Appomattox, and she received a $100.00 Christmas Club Savings Account; and teh $50.00 Christmas Club Savings Account was won by Glenda Tyree of Appomattox.

This week-long "Open House" was in celebration of American Federal's 4th Anniversary in Appomattox County.

Appomattox Advisory Board members were available to meet the guests. WBRG radio station from Lynchburg was broadcasting live from American Federal Saturday morning. Refreshments were served all week and a large "anniversary cake" was cut Saturday and 11 a.m. and served to guests.

Capitol Comments

By DAN DANIEL, Fifth District, Virginia

With passage of energy legislation, we are now hopefully on the road to some rational actions with respect to our energy resources. The word "hopefully" must be added, because there are so many questions as yet unanswered in this vast area.

In addition, many of the actions which are mandated or allowed under the new legislation are already being seen as contradictory of each other and of other laws already on the books. A good case in point is the recent report that one of the major oil companies has begun to ration unleaded gasoline, and others may soon follow suit.

Already, some people are saying that it is another plot on the part of Big Oil to manipulate things. This may be, and already the Department of Energy and the Council on Wage and Price Stability have begun to explore this possibility. But there is a set of facts which indicates that the company is every bit as much a victim of the present system as you are.

There are three major areas of emphasis in public policy today - a lower rate of inflation, a cleaner environment, and conservation of fuel.

Because of the structure of the oil company in question, under the present price control system, its product sells at the pump for two or three cents per gallon under other brands in many locations. This immediately makes it a more attractive brand, and encourages its use, not its conservation.

As more cars appear on the road with catalytic converters, the demand for unleaded gasoline rises. But unleaded gas is more difficult and expensive to manufacture so the companies quite reasonably, make no more than they feel they absolutely must, in order to satisfy the need.

But something unusual, and beyond the control of anyone, has happened. We have had an unusually warm fall. More people took longer drives, and demand for unleaded gasoline rose. The problem now faced developed.

How would you solve the problem? If the price of gasoline rises, the cost of living goes up. If the price is kept down, consumption goes up. If the pollution control devices are abandoned, air quality gets worse, and while this will not bother some people, those who already have cars with catalytic converters will find it even more difficult to get gasoline. Once again, in trying to solve one problem, the government has been party to creation of another.

These are not easy facts to face, but they are the facts, and they must be faced. It is primarily for these reasons, and applying the "51 percent rule," I supported the energy bill. We are in perilous times, insofar as energy is concerned, and I cannot state this strongly enough. If an embargo, such as that imposed in 1973 and 1974, is again imposed, we will be in worse shape by far than we then were. Our energy dependency has doubled in the intervening years, and because of uncertainty and inequities in our energy policy - non-policy would be a better word - the amount of domestically-produced fuel has declined dramatically. The creation of a national energy policy - even an imperfect one - provides a focal point around which facts can be accumulated and priorities sorted out. And law - any law has one virtue. It can be changed.

If the present policy can lead to rational debate and decision-making, the cost will be worth it. If it cannot, it can be changed. If it does not, then the American people have no one to blame but themselves, for continuing to elect to public office those who refuse to confront the facts, and mislead them on the options.

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day..."

Silver bells, jingle bells, sleigh bells . . . it's hard to imagine Christmas without some sort of chiming or ringing. But bells were not initially part of the holiday celebration.

The first large bell for a Christian church was installed in Italy, about the 5th century A.D., and the custom of Christmas bell-ringing really didn't become firmly established until the Middle Ages, in England.

In that era, Christmas chimes began at vespers on the first Sunday of Advent and were repeated on successive Sundays. Then, on each of the last three mornings before Christmas, the bells announced the approach of the big day.

From sunset on December 24 to sunset on December 25, bells could be heard every hour. Occasional peals rang out in between hours for no particular reason.

But the most important part of the tolling occurred during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve, when the bells were rung as if someone were dying. At midnight the death knell changed to a joyous peal, announcing the death of Satan and the birth of the Christ Child.

To the people of the Middle Ages, the sound of the Christmas bells recalled the song of the angels on that first holy night.

Our hat's off to you, our good friends and neighbors, for your loyalty and confidence. Thanks and warm wishes for a joyous Christmas.

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Joy... Peace

Let the light that shone over Bethlehem cast its radiance upon our lives, today, as we rejoice in the memory of the first Christmas in all its infinite wonder. The wish that dwells deepest in our hearts this Christmas is that everyone, everywhere, may know the blessings of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men", with enduring faith, hope and joy for all.

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May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance. Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

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